



## Newsline

### LeaveWeb maintenance

The 366th Comptroller Squadron will be taking the LeaveWeb server down for routine maintenance all day Monday. Please make sure all leave requests are submitted for supervisor approval no later than today. If you have any questions please contact Senior Airman Timothy Cordray at 828-2293.

### Walk-in Assistance Cancelled

The Gunfighter Legal Office will not be performing walk-in legal assistance Wednesday. We apologize for any inconvenience.

### Base Exchange hours

Starting Monday, the Main Store and Popeye's will be open Monday through Saturday until 8 p.m. Special T will close one hour prior to the Main store. Sunday hours will remain the same. The Main Store is also open at 7 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

### Marquee and ad forms

Base marquee and Gunfighter free ad forms can be accessed on the Intranet main page under "Links of Interest."

### Tennis courts renovations

The base tennis courts are currently receiving several major upgrades that, when complete, will enhance and improve the facility. The expected completion date for the tennis court renovation project is Aug. 12. For information call Capt. Nicole Pfirrmann at 828-3865.

### Did You Know?

The proper way to carry a back pack or gym bag is in the left hand or over the left shoulder. However, you may wear a back pack using both shoulder straps when riding two-wheeled vehicles or using crutches. Per AFI 36-2903, "Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel," Table 2.5, Rule 13.



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## Weekend Weather

Friday



Sunny  
High 92  
Low 62

Saturday



Mostly Sunny  
High 88  
Low 60

Sunday



Few Showers  
High 92  
Low 57



Photo by Staff Sergeant Kathy Parker

Mr. Andy Maser, Idaho State Senator Larry Craig, Col. Charles Shugg, 366th Fighter Wing commander, and Mr. Chris Nielson cut ribbon to the new Phase 4 Military Family housing ceremony. There were 95 units constructed at a cost of \$24.4 million to include six Chief units, six Senior NCO units and 83 Junior NCO units. Phase 4 is part of a \$302.1 million nine-phase plan executed over 11 years to build 1,324 new units. Mr. Maser and Mr. Nielson are part of the Army Corps of Engineers, which helped design the homes.

## Base dedicates completed Phase 4 housing

By 2nd Lt. Erin Tindell  
Gunfighter Public Affairs

In 1995, Idaho Senator Larry Craig saw a problem.

The wing commander at the time was giving Senator Craig a tour of base housing – housing that was old and barely maintainable, he said.

Ten years later, he returned to base to dedicate 95 newly constructed on-base houses in a ribbon-cutting ceremony Wednesday afternoon held by the 366th Civil Engineer Squadron housing flight.

The homes are the fourth phase of a nine-phase construction effort to bring 1,260 new homes to the base by 2007. When the construction is complete, a total of 1,324 Gunfighter families will be able to live on base.

The Phase 4 housing, valued at \$24.2 million, includes six chief units, six senior NCO units and 83 junior NCO units. The housing features two to four bedroom homes with two-car garages, polished oak wood floors and lush green lawns.

However, the base housing 10 years ago was far from comparable Senator Craig said.

"It was unacceptable, by any standard, it was old and it simply was not a facility that I would want to see our Airmen to be living in," he said.

The base commander at the time told the senator that new housing wasn't scheduled right away. Shortly after touring the base, the senator joined the military appropriations committee to advocate for faster construction of new on-base housing. A year later in 1996, ground broke and the 11-year project was underway.

Senator Craig has been instrumental in garnering federal support for the base housing projects, said 2nd Lt. Russell Powell, 366th CES project officer.

"It's a \$302.1 million housing effort. So in order to get that amount of funding, it required a lot of congressional

support. The previous phase – Phase 4A—was a specific insert that Senator Craig put into the bill for us, because we needed housing so badly," he said.

That phase consists of 56 junior NCO units that were fully occupied in 2004.

During the ceremony, Col. Charles Shugg, 366th Fighter Wing commander, said the housing was a bigger event than what it seemed.

"Today's ribbon-cutting ceremony is a special event, not only for Mountain Home Air Force Base families, but for the Air Force overall. It's a tangible example of the Air Force values, contribution and sacrifices of our Airmen and their families," he said.

To conclude the ceremony, Colonel Shugg, Senator Craig and two members of the Army Corps of Engineers - who helped complete the project - cut a ribbon that was placed in the front lawn of one of the new houses. That house now belongs to the family of Tech. Sgt. Michael Wheeler, 366th Maintenance Group.

What do Sergeant Wheeler and his wife like most about their new home? "The air conditioning!" they said.

A welcome convenience to escape the problem of sweltering summer heat.

### Housing Project Overview

#### 9-phase plan executed from 1996 - 2007

- \$302.1 million in estimated costs

**1,208 total new units:**

- 6 Squadron Officer homes
- 6 Chief Master Sergeant homes
- 38 Field Grade Officer homes
- 67 Company Grade Officer homes
- 72 Senior NCO homes
- 1,071 Junior NCO homes

## Commander's Hotline



Col. Charles Shugg

This Hotline is your direct line to me.

It's your opportunity to make Mountain Home Air Force Base a better place to live and work. I review every response to Hotline questions, but functional experts prepare most responses.

If possible, you should first contact the organization responsible for the problem or function. Your first sergeants, commanders and agency chiefs want to help, so please let them try.

If you do not know how to proceed or if you have already tried your chain of command, then do not hesitate to contact the Hotline at 828-6262 or e-mail [CommandersHotline@mountainhome.af.mil](mailto:CommandersHotline@mountainhome.af.mil).

Not all Hotlines are published, but if you leave your name and phone number or e-mail address, I will make sure you get a reply.

Col. Charles Shugg  
366th Fighter Wing commander

## Awards

	As of Dec. 2004	As of this week
<b>Air Force</b>	5	9
<b>ACC</b>	26	37
<b>12th Air Force</b>	3	4

## Last DUI:

(As of noon Thursday)

366th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Days without a DUI:

**2**

AADD made 82 saves in May,  
607 in 2005

## Leadership is about perspective

# Lead through delegation

By Lt. Col. Jeff Prichard  
390th Fighter Squadron commander

As I was thinking of a topic for this article, I started reflecting on my purpose as an Air Force leader — to develop and nurture Airmen.

In the Air Force, we do not recruit outsiders to fill our flight, squadron, group or wing leadership—we as an institution develop Airmen to be tomorrow's leaders.

I have heard the saying, "Mentor two levels down," many times throughout my career. This adage reinforces the concept of continuing to develop our replacements for the positions we now hold.

This is not to say we should not mentor to all levels but I believe that if each of us, Airmen through general officer, focus on teaching those Airmen one and two levels below our position, we will continue to have the best leadership at all levels.

An effective tool for developing those Airmen is for you, the leader, to delegate tasks to them. What do I mean by delegate? What is the purpose? How do I effectively do it? What are the responsibilities for the leader and delegate?

First, Webster's defines delegation as follows: One authorized to act as a representative or agent for another, a deputy. Read the definition carefully, because nowhere does it state, you the leader delegate the responsibility!

The leader can delegate the authority for the individual to act on his/her behalf for decisions and other binding agreements, but the leader is still responsible and accountable for mission accomplishment or task completion.

What is the purpose of delegation?

There are many reasons to delegate projects and tasks to subordinates; the primary is time management and overall manpower efficiency.

Another reason is to provide the subordinate an opportunity to tackle a challenge outside their normal duty with you as the leader providing top cover and feedback.

These opportunities develop confidence and learning in an environment without the responsibility; a walk before you run training plan.

How does a leader delegate effectively?

The first step is to understand the project or task you are dealing with so you can identify the proper rank and person for the project.

Is this a self-help construction project or an eight aircraft squadron deployment? Is the scope of the project within the organization or does it encompass coordination with other organizations or agencies?

What is the funding for the project? Number of personnel and amount of equipment utilized for the task?

By understanding the scope and relationship requirements, you as the leader can identify the correct level to delegate the project.

What is my role as the leader once I have delegated the authority?

The most important aspect of delegation is to define the

task. Your deputy cannot act on your behalf if you two do not have a common understanding of the scope and assumptions defining the task.

You must also provide your vision for what will define success by pointing out how this task supports the unit's mission. Next, it is vitally important to outline the boundaries of the delegate's authority so it is clear on what decisions he/she can make without further guidance and what decisions they will have to clear through you.

Lastly, you should set a timeline for project updates so you as the leader can provide vectors and feedback as required. The boundaries and timeline are important tools to allow you to not micro-manage the delegate.

What are the role and responsibilities of the delegate?

The delegate's role is to act for the leader by meeting suspense's and executing the task. Remember, the leader is still being held accountable by the tasking agency, so if you, the delegate, do not meet the suspense, the leader is responsible. Make a decision when it is within your authority, a leader expects you to weigh the inputs and make tough choices if required. If the decision is not within your authority, then ask for guidance or authority as needed. And lastly, keep the leader updated on your progress through an agreed upon schedule.

This schedule will allow you to update the leader on your decisions and any changes to the scope or timeline of the project. These are just the basics I go through when I am either the leader or the delegate. By utilizing these guidelines, my goal is to continue to provide opportunities for my subordinates to tackle challenges that prepare them to take my position and to have the experience and confidence to successfully accomplish the mission when the responsibility is theirs.



## Air Force Ball Motto Contest

The 366th Fighter Wing Air Force Ball Committee is seeking assistance increasing this years Air Force Ball Motto. The theme for the event will be "WWII Hanger Dance." Creative minds can submit their mottoes to [jodi.jaskes@mtainhome.af.mil](mailto:jodi.jaskes@mtainhome.af.mil) by Wednesday.

The selected motto will earn a free ticket to this years Air Force Ball.

Date of ball: Oct. 1

WWII Mosaic Example: "We'll be heavy!"

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# Overcoming adversity: the American dream

**Commentary by  
Staff Sgt. Cat Casaigne**  
355th Wing Public Affairs

I am a product of the American Dream.

I was raised on the concept that in America hard work and sheer determination can lead to a better life than you ever thought possible for your family.

As I helped my grandmother cook, or as my grandfather walked me to school, I was reminded of the opportunities and blessings America has bestowed on my family.

My grandparents were born in Malta, a tiny island in the Mediterranean south of Sicily, Italy.

My grandfather's family ran a successful hotel business and my grandfather had the benefits of privileged childhood. My grandmother's family, in comparison, was much more humble. She was one of 11 children and her father was a nurse.

When my grandmother was in fifth grade and my grandfather in sixth, their childhoods were shattered. Malta, at the time an English commonwealth, entered World War II.

Because of its strategic naval location, Malta would become the most heavily bombed nation (per square mile) of the war.

My grandmother was pulled from school and my grandfather from his tutors to run to the shelters for cover during countless air raids.

Soon, all school lessons stopped and staying alive became the name of the game. Once, my grandmother was in church during an air raid. A bomb broke through the dome of the church. Luckily, it did not go off.

Food was scarce. My grandmother's father would sneak food from the hospital to feed his children.

Most of the time, he could only manage enough for one, which they would all split. My grandmother tells a story where her father sneaked home a cupcake and divided

it into 11 pieces for the children.

My grandfather does not like to talk about the hardships his family endured.

As soon as my grandfather was old enough, he joined the English Royal Navy. Because of his hotel background and upper-class upbringing, he was assigned as Prince Phillip's steward.

He served until the end of the war and went back to Malta.

Like most families there, his had lost everything in the devastation of the war. The hotel business was gone and with it, his family's place in upper society.

Having nothing, he decided to go to Canada to start his own life. About that same time he met my grandmother.

However, when she would not leave her family and marry him, he left for Canada.

While living in Canada, he wrote letters to my grandmother.

Then one day she got a letter saying he was coming back to visit his father and hoped to see her.

He set sail for Malta.

It proved to be a providential trip. He was there for a few months and sailed back to Canada with his new bride.

He worked in Canada where he and my grandmother had all of their five children. Then, when the oldest was 8 years old, they moved to Ohio, then to Detroit, where he landed a job as a shift supervisor for General Motors.

My grandparents lived in Detroit, raising their children on the customs and values of a country they left behind.

Always proud, my grandparents tried to teach their children to

speak Maltese, but being surrounded by English they never fully spoke Maltese, though they all understood it.

More than 50 years after getting off the boat, my grandparents still live in Detroit and continue to tell the same stories of hardship and overcoming adversity they told me as they cooked and walked me to school.

They remain the cornerstone of our family and represent everything we aspire to be.

For 23 years I have listened to their stories and I never tire of them.

They tell our family's history, but more importantly, they tell what we are capable of overcoming.

My grandparents didn't see the American Dream as fame or fortune.

To them, the American Dream was opportunity — opportunities for all 22 of their grandchildren go to college.

No, we are not monetarily rich, but we

are rich in family, love and pride. As one of the oldest of their grandchildren, I am most proud of their courage.

To leave family and friends for an unfamiliar land where no one speaks your language and, in the case of my grandmother, you hardly speak theirs takes courage I will never know.

To never see your parents again so you can chase a dream of a better life is something I could not do. But I would never have too.

I am fortunate to I serve and live in a country where people immigrate every day seeking the American Dream. They know only America can provide them with the life they want.

The American Dream is alive and well. It is the reason I only want to live in America, where my vision stands a chance of coming true, thanks to the stepping stone my grandparents laid for me.



## International affairs cadre to build global relations

**By Tech. Sgt. David A. Jablonski**  
Air Force Print News

Air Force officials will begin training more than 100 officers this spring to become international affairs specialists in a managed secondary career path.

Ultimately, as many as 3,000 officers will form a pool of experts in regional, political and military affairs who will advise combatant commanders worldwide, according to officials.

The first group of field grade officers, selected between now and summer, will enter formal training in the summer of 2006.

The following year, Air Force officials will select and train more than 150 officers, then 210 each year until a pool of 2,500 to 3,000 specialists is filled, officials said.

The goal is to use that pool to fill about 650 positions with reoccurring requirements.

"The international affairs skills set is viewed as core competencies in the military," said Col. Robert Sarnoski, Air Force international Airmen division chief. "They're just as important as the weapon systems we field today."

The Air Force's initiative enhances expeditionary capability by developing regional and international expertise,

cultural sensitivity and language skills allowing Airmen to build, sustain or enhance relations with international partners.

Colonel Sarnoski, a former defense attaché in Bangkok, Thailand, who is fluent in Thai, put his skills to use following the Sept. 11 attacks by helping Thai officials integrate into operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom coalition forces.

"Senior leaders have asked for this program because they want and need officers with political-military experience," Colonel Sarnoski said.

The new program is tied directly to the new force-development program. Selected officers may receive additional university education, language training and cultural immersion to prepare them for the positions they will fill in the field, officials said.

Officers will be designated on one of two secondary Air Force career tracks — the regional affairs strategist or political-military affairs strategist.

Regional affairs strategists will advise commanders and senior leaders on regional issues, interacting with foreign counterparts to work political-military issues and develop reliable international relationships, developing aspects of operational and contingency plans, and working security cooperation initiatives to enhance international relationships.

Political military affairs strategists have similar duties, but these positions need international political-military expertise without necessarily requiring language skills.

"The career path complements an officer's overall career development with international affairs experience that contributes to success in the primary career field," said Bruce S. Lemkin, deputy undersecretary of the Air Force for international affairs. "We need officers with these skills in our expeditionary air and space force, leading our regionally focused missions and contingency deployments and successfully interacting with our allies, friends and partners around the world."

Officers with a strong track record and in-depth understanding and experience in Air Force operations, doctrine and strategy will be selected at the seven- to 12-year point of their career for these opportunities, officials said.

Air Force officials said they will highly consider officers with operational and maintenance backgrounds, as well as those with previously developed international skills.

"A key aspect of this program is balancing between the IAS career path and the officer's primary career specialty," Mr. Lemkin said. "Consistent with the Air Force's force-development concept, we are committed to keeping these officers proficient and competitive in their primary career field while making them international affairs experts."

# Base shuttle saves Gunfighter time, money

**1st Lt. Woody Bell**  
366th Logistic Readiness Squadron

The new Mountain Home Community Transit (MHCT) bus route, running from the city of Mountain Home to Mountain Home AFB, is a program that needs to be exploited by all Gunfighters.

By taking advantage of this new bus route participants can save up to \$1,000 a year (according to AAA) by taking the shuttle bus instead of driving their own vehicle to/from the base.

They will save even more when time and vehicle wear and tear are factored into the equation.

What exactly is the Transportation Incentive Program (TIP)? It is a DoD program designed for Federal employees which aims to reduce traffic congestion and air pollution. It is also designed to give Federal employees an alternate commuting option.

It was established by Executive Order 13150 which established transportation fringe benefit programs for military and civilian personnel assigned to Mountain Home AFB. The shuttle itself runs through the city of Mountain Home stopping curbside wherever a passenger flags it down along its prescribed route (you can also request to be let off anywhere along the shuttle's route).

Once inside the base the same rules apply when trying to get on or off the bus.

The first bus begins in Mountain Home at 5:30 a.m. The city bus meets with the base bus at 6 a.m. which arrives at the base gate at approximately 6:18 a.m. The last base bus leaves the gate at approximately 5:42 p.m. for the city of Mountain Home.

The bus shuttle runs Monday thru Friday, excluding occasional holidays.

All you need to get on the bus and go to the base is your current military/DoD ID card and the travel voucher you receive from Vehicle Operations or the current fare. The service is currently free until July 15, at which time a fee will be initiated.

The MHCT shuttle is available to all military and civilian personnel assigned to Mountain Home AFB and it does not cost eligible riders a cent.

For those who do not qualify for the TIP program the cost is \$50 for a full month and \$27 for a half month.

There are also other options available such as a 20 ride pass and one way trip fares. Specific pricing is posted in the shuttle bus. In order to sign up for this program, an application must be filled out and submitted to Vehicle Operations located in building 1126.

This application can be found online at the LRS website (located on the intranet homepage <http://www.muofs366lrs004/LGRV/MH%20Shuttle.htm> or you can pick it up at the Vehicle Operations building.

When you arrive at the Vehicle Operations building proceed to the Licensing window (Telephone: 828-2488) and

turn your form in. Licensing will then approve your form and send it on to Washington DC to make sure you get your travel vouchers.

Remember, you will need to be patient with the process as it will take up to four weeks to process your application and receive your travel vouchers.

Once you receive your vouchers take them to the shuttle bus driver and exchange it for a bus pass; this step will be repeated each month you need a new pass.

If you have any questions regarding the MHCT program please call 1st Lt. Woodrow Bell, MHCT Base Project Officer at 828-1019. Remember, the success of this four month pilot program hinges on your participation; the more people who use the shuttle bus the faster everyone gets through the gate and the more money everybody saves. Everyone wins!



## Gunfighter gains citizenship

**By Senior Airman Brian Stives**  
Gunfighter Public Affairs

After almost six years, one Gunfighter has completed the first step to improving her life.

At 10 a.m. Wednesday, Airman Jeong Lee received her U.S. citizenship in Boise, becoming the first person in her family to gain the status as an American.

"My parents, little brother and I left South Korea when I was 17 years old," said the 366th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron information manager. "I was still in high school and my father wanted me and my brother to get a better education, so we moved to Maryland to live with my grandmother and uncle who had moved to America about 20 years earlier."

While staying with her grandmother, Airman Lee finished high school and started college. While things were a little different in the U.S. than they were in South Korea, she kept her focus on the future.

"Korea is small and there are a lot of people and everything is fast-paced. Here, it's quiet and peaceful and a lot more laid back," she said. "The schools are much easier here too. We would go to school from 7:30 a.m. to about 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday. If we failed a test in high school, we couldn't get into college."

Once she got into college here, the laid back style of American schools began to creep up on her.

"I was in college and wasn't studying like I was supposed to and began hanging out with just Korean friends. Then my parents talked to me about joining the military. I wanted to improve my lifestyle, so decided to join the Air Force about a year ago," the 22-year-old said.

That decision opened more doors in her life than she could've ever imagined.

"When I applied for my citizenship, they knew I was in the military and I needed to have my citizenship to get my security clearance to do my job," she said. "I wasn't expecting to get my citizenship for a while, but it only took about four months."

At the ceremony, she was the only military member getting her citizenship. Standing in her blues, everyone's eyes were automatically drawn to her.

"I was so happy at the ceremony," she said. "I didn't feel any different, but during the ceremony I got really emotional and felt like crying. But, I didn't because there were a lot of people there watching."

"Everybody has been really great helping me, from Basic Military Training to the time I got here at Mountain Home Air Force Base six months ago. I'm really happy to be a citizen."

## Stray pets need your help

Stray dogs and cats found on base are placed in the Stray Animal facility located near the horse stables. The 366th Security Forces Squadron operates and maintains the facility. Unfortunately, most of these pets are doomed to euthanasia once they are placed in the facility. Unlike the city of Mountain Home's stray facility, ours has no method to notify the public of pets located there or how the public may adopt them. There are currently eight dogs and one cat in the facility. Some have been there for more than a month. They receive no love and little attention—an officer stops by when he/she can to feed and water the animals. Manpower constraints make it difficult for extended visits by SFS personnel. If you live on base and lose a pet, please notify the Law Enforcement Desk at 828-2256 to check if your pet is in the Stray Facility.

Also, if you are interested in adopting one of these animals as a pet, please contact the LE Desk for information. Adoption is free.





# Service members civil relief act: know your rights

The Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act of 2003 (SCRA), formerly known as the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 (SSCRA), is a federal law that gives all military members some important rights as they enter active duty. It also provides many important protections to military members while on active duty.

The SCRA covers such issues as rental agreements, security deposits, prepaid rent, eviction, installment contracts, credit card interest rates, mortgage interest rates, mortgage foreclosure, civil judicial proceedings, and income tax payments. The SCRA protects active duty military members and reservists, or members of the National Guard called to active duty (starting on the date active duty orders are received), and, in limited situations, dependents of military members (e.g., certain eviction actions).

To receive protection under some parts of the SCRA, the member must be prepared to show that military service has had a "material effect" on the legal or financial matter involved. Protection under the SCRA must be requested during the member's military duty or within 30 to 180 days after military service ends, depending on the protection being requested.

If you have questions regarding the SCRA, or would like advice regarding your rights, please contact the Gunfighter Legal Office to schedule an appointment with an attorney.

The following is a listing of primary SCRA protections that may apply to you:

**Administrative or Court Proceeding:** If you are involved in an administrative proceeding of any kind or a civil court case and cannot appear because of your military service, you may request an automatic 90-day delay, and request additional delays, while serving on active duty or within 90 days after completing an active duty assignment.

**Automobile Lease:** You may terminate an automobile lease that was entered into before: (1) being called to active duty for a period of 180 or more days; (2) receiving orders for a permanent change of duty station outside the U.S., or from a duty station outside the U.S.; or (3) deploying with a military unit for 180 days or more.

**Rental Lease:** You may terminate a rental lease that was entered into before: (1) being called to active duty; (2) receiving orders for a permanent change of duty station; (3) deploying with a military unit for 90 days or more; or (4) separating or retiring from the military.

**Contracts:** A creditor cannot terminate an installment contract for the purchase, lease or bailment of real or personal property, such as an automobile, that you entered into before serving on active duty, without a court order.

**Eviction:** You or your dependents cannot be evicted from your primary residence while serving on active duty

without a court order. Even with a court order, evictions could be delayed 90 days.

**Foreclosures and Forced Sales:** A mortgagor or lien holder cannot foreclose a mortgage or enforce a lien, for a limited period of time, on property you acquired before serving on active duty.

**Interest Rates:** On purchases you made before serving on active duty, interest-rate payments cannot be over 6%—including credit cards and mortgages but not student loans.

**Insurance:** Private professional, health or life insurances that you acquired before serving on active duty cannot be terminated if your military service affects your ability to pay the premiums. You may also suspend such insurances while on active duty.

**Judgments:** A default judgment cannot be entered against you while on active duty without a court-appointed attorney. Such judgments may be reopened within 60 days after completing active duty service.

**State & Federal Income Taxes:** If active duty service materially affects your ability to pay state or federal income taxes, such taxes may be deferred. You are subject to state taxes based on your military income or other property, such as a car, only to your state of legal residency.

*(Courtesy of Gunfighter Legal Office)*



Photo by Senior Airman Sergio Aguirre

## AADD sweetens holiday

Volunteers with the Airman Against Drunk Driving council handed out candy packages at the front gate July 1. The packages were part of an awareness program designed to combat drinking and driving over the Independence holiday weekend. Hundreds of packages were handed out during their campaign.



Bert Richardson

## Turkey shoot

"Vic" and "Cub" won the 391st Bold Tiger award for "here. They were presented the award by Col. William S

shoot held  
ander.

## Roundabout keeps Gunfighters on toes

Roundabouts were invented in the 19th century and built in cities throughout Europe.

Although roundabouts have been in widespread use in other countries for a number of years, it is only during the past few years that their application in the United States has received increased attention by both the public and transportation professionals.

Intersection design took a detour at both Randolph AFB and in our nation's capitol years ago through the use of roundabouts to reduce congestion.

Today, traffic signals are far more prevalent than roundabouts and some drivers are intimidated and confused when they encounter a roundabout.

Roundabouts do have some positive advantages since they increase intersection capacity 30 to 50 percent; as traffic is always on the move delays are reduced. Reconstruction of military family housing brings with it the base's first roundabout.

Navigating the roundabout will be trouble free provided a few simple rules are followed:

1. Vehicles entering yield the right-of-way to those already in the circle
2. All traffic flows in a counter-clockwise direction around the island
3. Signal your intent to other drivers when exiting the circle
4. Pedestrians are prohibited from the central island.

Any questions regarding traffic control throughout the base can be directed to Mr. Rich Scheuch, the base traffic engineer at 828-1330.

*(Courtesy 366th Civil Engineer Squadron)*

# Bulletin board contest at CDC proves successful

**By Mr. Ron Dillon**  
366th Services Squadron

Ms. Ginean Staples works as a caregiver at the Mountain Home Air Force Base Child Development Center. She recently came up with an idea that her peers at the center embraced.

"Ginean really enjoys her work here with children and came to us with an idea to spice up our usual Fourth of July decorating efforts. We change out the bulletin boards on a monthly basis and she proposed that we create a Fourth of July Bulletin Board Decorating Contest. We knew the contest would be fun for both the children and their caregivers. It fit perfectly into the CDC's efforts to provide world-class care for children through world-class teachers and programs," said Ms. Judy Gulley, CDC Director.

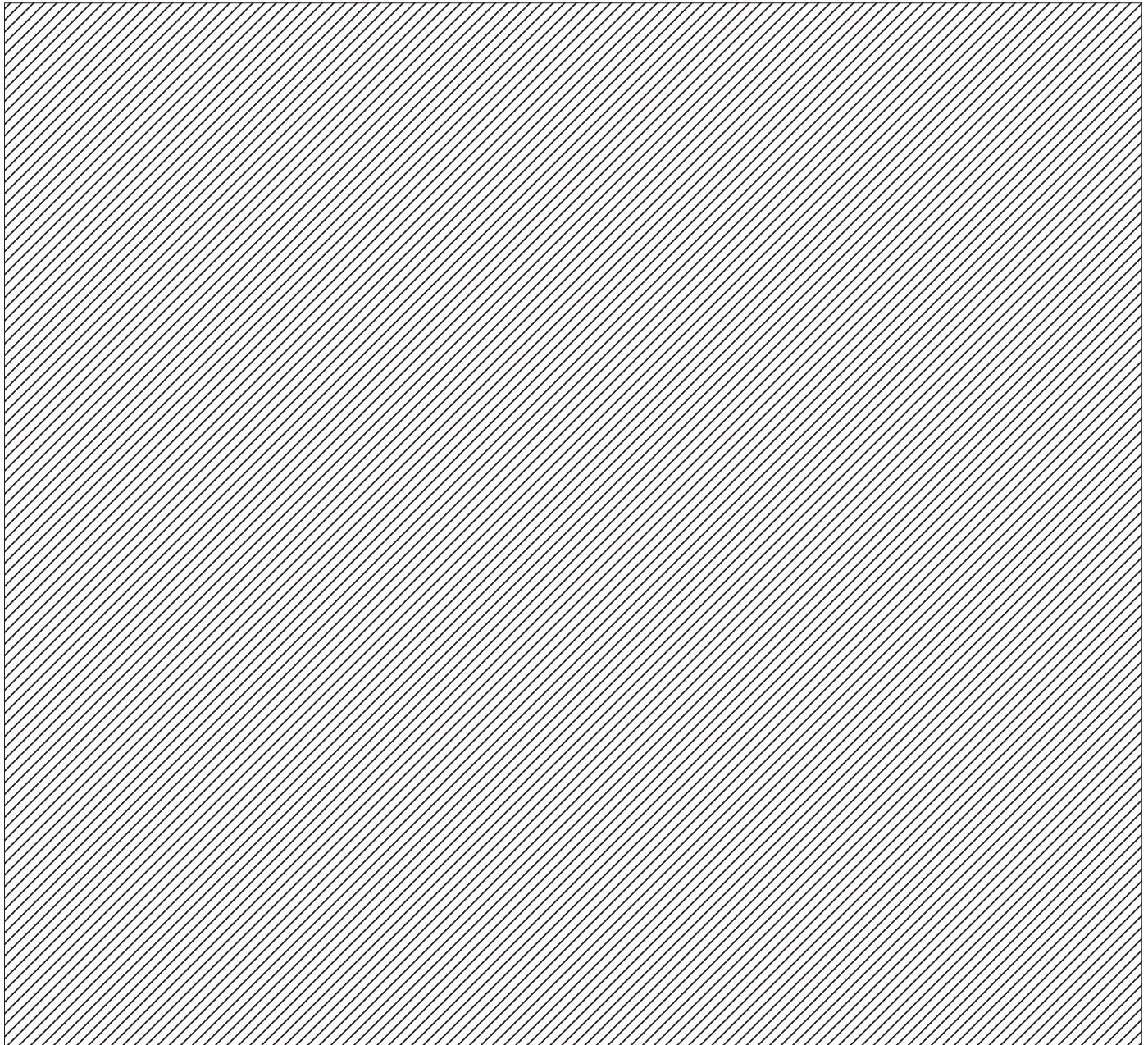
The contest featured 11 different bulletin boards, decorated by a number of classes

at the CDA and the CDC Annex, and all utilizing a Fourth of July theme.

Judging took place on June 30 and was conducted by Lt. Col. Glenn Winkler, Lt. Col. Thomas Marcoux and Master Sgt. Carl Brazier. The winning group was the Pre-School II class, led by caregivers Ms. Diana Lopez, Ms. Krista LeFors and Ms. Becky Becerra.

For their efforts, the class won a \$200 room shopping spree from Lakeshore School Supplies, plus each winning class caregiver won a \$25 catalog shopping spree. Second went to the Pre-School I Main Center Group. They won a \$100 shopping spree from Lakeshore School Supply and \$10 individual catalog shopping spree. A large number of prizes were donated via AAFES, Mary Kay and Popeyes.

"We really enjoyed this event and appreciate the efforts of the children, the caregivers and the contest sponsors. We especially appreciate Ginean's vision and efforts," said Ms. Judy Gulley.





Robert Sithimorada, 366th Equipment Maintenance Squadron (B) team shortstop, dives for a line drive during the third inning against the 366th Operations Support Squadron. OSS went on to win the game 27 - 4 Tuesday night.

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## OSS grounds EMS (B)

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The 366th Operations Support Squadron crushed the 366th Equipment Maintenance Squadron (B) team 27 - 4 Tuesday night in intramural softball small league action on Field 2.

Tyson Small, Vern Manigbas, Richard Davies, Joseph Althoff, Matt Reilman and Albert Brooks anchored the middle of the lineup for OSS by going a combined 22 for 22 with three doubles, two triples and two home runs in the rout.

Richard Hedgepeth started the game with a screaming line drive, which looked like it was stuck in mud, down the third base line. What was to follow would be a pitcher's nightmare. Thirteen OSS batters stepped to the plate in the inning and took their turn beating down the ball; eight of them made the round-trip journey around the bases. When OSS took the field in the bottom of the inning, Richard Davies dominated the EMS batters. Jay Herman was the only EMS batter to figure out Davies' pitches, pelting a double to right field.

When Tyson Small stepped to the plate to lead off the OSS second inning, he set the tone and it wasn't any better than the first inning. Small hit a line drive to left field, where Travis Groth misjudged the ball. As Small rounded second on his way to third, Groth released the ball to the cutoff man. Justin Hammer, EMS third baseman, treated the ball like he was handling a hot potato

and the ball slowly rolled toward the dugout. Small watched as the ball rolled away and trotted towards home plate for an inside-the-park homerun. From that point on, Joe Switalski gained his composure on the mound; however the defense behind him couldn't stop the singles in the infield from reaching the outfield. Once again, OSS sent a double digit in players to the plate, this time scoring 10 more runs before Switalski got Ryan Santos to ground out to the shortstop for the final out of the inning.

Davies mesmerized the EMS hitters again in the second inning, allowing four batters to step to the plate, only allowing Robert Sithimorada to reach base by way of a double to left field.

Once again, Small was the big bat for OSS in the third. This time his trip around the bases was a little less dramatic as he sent a shot screaming over the left field fence that registered in the flight pattern over the base. After the dust settled on the field and EMS finally got out of the nine-run third inning, it was their chance to try and score and keep the game going.

With their backs against the wall, Mike Brady and Adam Carbone both hit line drives down the third base line for singles. Switalski was walked and before anyone knew it, EMS was in position to score. Ron Newpher hit a single to right center, scoring Brady and Carbone and EMS was on the board. Switalski was brought home with a single by Travis Fritz and Newpher made the trip around the bases when Groth hit a single to left field. The scoring and EMS' hopes to continue the game ended when Mike Davis hit a pop fly to center.

"We come out here to have fun and for the camaraderie," said Santos, OSS coach, after the game. "We don't get to see each other much during the work day and this lets us have fun, especially after winning like this."

"We'll get them next time," said Antonio Williams, EMS coach. "They better watch their backs because we're coming back."



Richard Hedgepeth, 366th Operations Support Squadron, belts one of his two doubles for the evening. Hedgepeth also contributed 5 RBI in the win over the 366th Equipment Maintenance Squadron.

### OSS:

Vern Manigbas, 5 for 5, 2 doubles, 5 RBI; Tyson Small, 4 for 4, triple, 2 HR, 6 RBI; Richard Davies, 4 for 4, double, triple, 5 RBI; Joseph Althoff, 4 for 4, 3 RBI; Matt Reilman, 3 for 3, 2 RBI; Albert Brooks, 2 for 2, RBI; Rebecca Ernst, 1 for 1; Richard Hedgepeth, 5 for 6, 2 doubles, 5 RBI; Scott Bachowski, 3 for 4, double, 2 RBI; Justin Martin, 2 for 4, 2 RBI; and Ryan Santos, 1 for 4.

### EMS (B):

Travis Fritz, 2 for 2, RBI; Robert Sithimorada, 1 for 1, double; Mike Brady 1 for 1; Adam Carbone, 1 for 1; Ron Newpher, 1 for 2, 2 RBI; Travis Groth, 1 for 2, RBI; and Jay Herman, 1 for 2, double.

## Roundup

### Softball Standings (As of Monday)

#### Large Squadrons

Team	Record
LRS (A)	8 - 1
CMS (A)	8 - 2
726th ACS	7 - 2
EMS (A)	6 - 5
EMS (C)	5 - 4
CES (A)	3 - 7
MDG	2 - 6
LRS (B)	2 - 8
CES (B)	2 - 9

#### Small Squadrons

Team	Record
391st AMU	10 - 1
OSS	8 - 2
SFS	7 - 2
CMS (C)	5 - 4
MOS	5 - 6
CMS (B)	3 - 7
EMS (B)	2 - 7
CS	2 - 8
RANS	2 - 8

#### Last week's games:

#### Large Squadrons June 29

##### 726th ACS def. MDG, 10 - 3

Lester Coles jump started the game for the 726th Air Control Squadron with a double enroute to a five-run first inning. Coles ended the game 4-for-4 with two doubles.

##### CMS (A) def. CES (A), 9 - 8

The 366th Component Maintenance Squadron (A) team scored five runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to steal the win from the 366th Civil Engineer Squadron (A) team. Leading 6 - 1 after three innings, the CES (A) offense sputtered and couldn't keep the lead.

##### CES (B) def. LRS (B), 13 - 4

The 366th Civil Engineer Squadron jumped out to a quick 7 - 1 lead after two innings and never looked back.

#### Large Squadrons June 30

##### OSS def. MOS, 20 - 3

Matthew Reilman had the hot bat for the 366th Operations Support Squadron by going 4-for-4 against the 366th Maintenance Operations Squadron.

##### 391st AMU def. CMS (B), 19 - 4

The 391st Aircraft Maintenance Unit defense held the 366th Component Maintenance Squadron to eight hits in the 19 - 4 rout.

## Game Stats